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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**OAKLAND DIVISION**

EPIC GAMES, INC.

Plaintiff, Counter-defendant  
v.

APPLE INC.,

Defendant, Counterclaimant

Case No. 4:20-cv-05640-YGR-TSH

**DECLARATION OF MARK A. PERRY IN  
SUPPORT OF APPLE INC.'S  
ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION TO SEAL**

The Honorable Thomas S. Hixson

1 I, Mark A. Perry, hereby declare as follows:

2 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice in the State of California, and a member of the Bar  
3 of this Court. I am a partner at the law firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, counsel of record for Apple  
4 Inc. (“Apple”) in this case. I am familiar with Apple’s treatment of highly proprietary and confidential  
5 information based on my personal experience representing Apple. I have personal knowledge of the  
6 facts stated below and, if called as a witness, would testify competently thereto. I submit this declaration  
7 in support of Apple’s Administrative Motion to Seal (the “Motion”).<sup>1</sup>

8 2. I am aware that the law of this Circuit allows information to be filed under seal for good  
9 cause or in certain compelling circumstances. I also understand that courts routinely seal filings where  
10 documents include a company’s trade secrets, internal codenames, confidential research and  
11 development, personally identifiable information, or other commercially sensitive information. I  
12 understand that this Court has broad latitude to prevent the public disclosure of these categories of  
13 commercially sensitive information.

14 3. Apple operates in an intensely competitive environment. Apple has serious and  
15 legitimate concerns that competitors will be quick to capitalize on any release of Apple’s highly sensitive  
16 information in order to gain competitive advantage. As such, Apple takes extensive measures to protect  
17 the confidentiality of its information.

18 4. Apple has carefully reviewed the exhibit to Apple’s Objections to Special Master Rulings  
19 on Apple’s First Production of Re-Reviewed Privileged Documents (“Objections”), which was filed  
20 under section 4 of the Joint Stipulation and Order Approving Privilege Re-Review Protocol (the  
21 “Protocol”), and now proposes to partially seal information therein that, if disclosed, could harm Apple’s  
22 competitive business interests.

23 5. Apple seeks to seal this information because the privilege log is required to be filed under  
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26 <sup>1</sup> Courts in the Ninth Circuit routinely grant motions to seal based on declarations of counsel. *See*,  
27 *e.g.*, *In re Apple Securities Litigation*, 19-cv-02033-YGR, Dkt. 223 (N.D. Cal.); *In re Qualcomm Litig.*,  
No. 17-cv-00108-GPC, Dkt. 398-1 (S.D. Cal. Mar. 26, 2018); *Avago Techs. U.S. Inc. v. Iptronics Inc.*,  
No. 10-cv-02863-EJD, Dkt. 544 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 3, 2015); *Cisco Sys., Inc. v. OpenTV Inc.*, No. 13-cv-  
00282-EJD, Dkt. 76 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 8, 2013). If the Court deems this declaration insufficient, Apple  
28 respectfully requests that it be permitted to file a further declaration supporting filing under seal.

the terms of the Protocol, but contains competitively sensitive, non-public information regarding Apple's selection and engagement of consultants in connection with preparing its submissions to a foreign regulatory body in response to an investigation, which Apple intends to keep confidential. It also contains personally identifiable information in the form of email addresses of non-Apple employees. Public disclosure would reveal Apple's internal business decision-making, which could be used by competitors to gain an unfair competitive advantage over Apple, as well as this personally identifiable information.

6. Apple has narrowly-tailored its sealing request as to maximize the public's access to court documents without jeopardizing Apple's business interests. The remainder of the privilege log exhibit remains unredacted.

7. Below is a chart detailing the portions of the privilege log exhibit sealable for the reasons explained herein, as well as in Apple's Motion.

Portion of Document Sought to be Sealed	Document Title	Reason to Seal
Highlighted information in the from/to columns (I and J) of the third row entry within the privilege log.	Exhibit A to Objections (Privilege Log Entries)	Reflects non-public Apple business strategy and personally identifiable information

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 10th day of January 2025, in Washington, D.C.

Dated: January 10, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Mark A. Perry

Mark A. Perry